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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/16/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,6,7,9,10,12-14 and 16-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/15/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 09222005.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, and 16-20 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closes prior art, Nguyen, discloses a method for forming a conductor on a dielectric, comprising: depositing a conductive thickfilm (12/16/20) on the dielectric (11) (column 6, lines 1-4; Figure 3); firing the at least one conductor (12/16/20) at a full sintering temperature (column 8, lines 56-64); patterning the conductive thickfilm (12/16/20) (Figure 3) to define at least one conductor (20) (column 8, lines 66-68; column 9, lines 1-3); etching the conductive thickfilm (12) to expose the at least one conductor (20) (Figure 3). However, there is no motivation or suggestion of *subsintering the conductive thickfilm*, as in the context of claim 1.
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. In view of Applicants' amendments (Applicants' Amendments to the Claims, pages 3-5), filed Sept. 16, 2005, the objection to claims 7, 10, 17, and 18 are withdrawn.

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5. In view of Applicants' amendments (Applicants' Amendments to the Claims, pages 3-5), filed Sept. 16, 2005, the rejection of claims 5, 7-8, 10-11, and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, has been withdrawn. As indicated in a telephonic interview on Sept. 12, 2005, the description "borosilicate glass-based material with a dielectric constant of about 3.9 and a loss tangent of about 10^{-4} " is the appropriate generic terminology for the tradename "KQ dielectric."
6. The rejection of claim 3 is moot in view of Applicants' cancellation.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric B. Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2947. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine G. Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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